

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the USPTO subjected the claims to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121, in which restriction has been required between the following groups of claims:

Group I claims 1-11, 19(a-k), 20-25
(a method of identifying candidate compounds for enhancing CREB pathway function).

Group II claims 12-16
(a method of assessing the effect on CREB-dependent gene expression of a candidate compound for enhancing CREB pathway function)

Group III claims 17-18, 19(l-o), 25
(a method for assessing the effect on long term memory formation in an animal)

Applicants expressly note and acknowledge the statement by the USPTO that “[c]laim 19 link(s) inventions I and III. The restriction requirement as to the linked inventions **shall** be withdrawn and any claim(s) depending from or otherwise requiring all the limitation of the allowable linking claim(s) will be rejoined and fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104 **Claims that require all the limitations of an allowable linking claim** will be entered as a matter of right if the amendment is presented prior to final rejection or allowance, whichever is earlier.”

Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group 1 (Claims 1-11, 19(a-k), 20-25) drawn to a method of identifying candidate compounds for enhancing CREB pathway function.

The grounds for traversal of this Restriction Requirement include the grounds that the methods are all related by their use or involvement with candidate compounds for enhancing CREB-dependent actions and effects; as such, a search for all groups would not pose an undue burden on the USPTO.

Although no fees are believed to be due, please charge any fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 (43373-0004).

Respectfully submitted,

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